

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MAINTENANCE SHOPS
AND SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM
NPDES PERMIT NO. HI S000052**

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November 3, 2006

The State Department of Health (DOH) tentatively proposes to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge storm water associated with industrial activities at the Department of Defense (DOD) Maintenance Shops on the Island of Oahu and municipal storm water runoff and certain non-storm water discharges which are collected by the Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (Small MS4) and discharged into State Waters or into adjacent separately-owned storm drainage systems subject to special conditions to:

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

The proposed draft NPDES permit will expire on **November 31, 2011**.

The State of Hawaii, DOD, Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) owns and operates nine (9) facilities on the Island of Oahu. The DOD Small MS4s are a system of conveyances, including storm drains, catch basins, curbs, gutters, canals, and ditches, designed to collect and convey storm water runoff at each facility. The volume of discharge is dependent upon rainfall-induced runoff and is highly variable.

The goal of this proposed draft NPDES permit, to reduce storm water runoff pollution to the maximum extent practicable, will be achieved through the implementation of the Permittee's Storm Water Management Program, an enforceable component of the proposed draft NPDES permit.

The DOD Small MS4s serve in the Honolulu, Pearl City, Wahiawa, and Kapolei areas of the Island of Oahu. The receiving waters include Class 1 and 2, Inland Waters and Class A, Marine State Waters. HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-3(a) requires existing storm water runoff into inland and marine waters to meet the basic water quality standards specified in HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-4(a). The DOD Small MS4s discharge into the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Highways Division (DOT-HWYS) MS4 [NPDES Permit No. HI S000001], the City and County of Honolulu (City) MS4 [NPDES Permit No. HI S000002], and U.S. Department of the Army Garrison of Hawaii MS4 [NPDES Permit No. HI S000090].

The receiving water uses stated in HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-3(b)(1) are as follows: The objective of Class 1 waters is "that these waters remain in their natural state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human-caused source. To the extent possible, the wilderness character of these areas shall be protected. Waste discharge

into these waters is prohibited. Any conduct which results in a demonstrable increase in levels of point or nonpoint source contamination in class 1 waters is prohibited.”

The receiving water uses stated in HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-3(b)(2) are as follows: “The objective of class 2 waters is to protect their use for recreational purposes, the support and propagation of aquatic life, agricultural and industrial water supplies, shipping, and navigation. The uses to be protected in this class of waters are all uses compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and with recreation in and on these waters. These waters shall not act as receiving waters for any discharge which has not received the best degree of treatment or control compatible with the criteria established for this class. No new treated sewage discharges shall be permitted within estuaries. . . .”

The receiving water uses stated in HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-3(c)(2) are as follows: “It is the objective of class A waters that their use for recreational purposes and aesthetic enjoyment be protected. Any other use shall be permitted as long as it is compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife, and with recreation in and on these waters. These waters shall not act as receiving waters for any discharge which has not received the best degree of treatment or control compatible with the criteria established for this class.”

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed NPDES permit or to request a public hearing, should submit their comments or requests in writing no later than 30 days after the date of this notice, either in person or by mail, to:

Office Address:

Clean Water Branch
Environmental Management Division
Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 301
Honolulu, HI 96814-4920

Mailing Address:

Clean Water Branch
Environmental Management Division
Department of Health
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378

Copies of the proposed draft permit and other information are available for public inspection Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. at the DOH office address shown above. Copies may be bought. The draft permit and rationale are also available on the internet at <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/cleanwater/pubntcs/index.html>. For more information or if you have special needs due to disability that will aid you in inspecting and/or commenting on the draft permit and related information, please contact Mr. Alec Wong, Supervisor of the Engineering Section, Clean Water Branch, at the above address or (808) 586-4309 (Voice) at least seven (7) days before the comment deadline. For those who use a TTY/TDD, please call through Sprint Relay Hawaii, at 1-711 or (808) 447-5991.

All comments and requests received on time will be considered. If DOH determines that there is significant public interest, a public hearing may be held after at least 30 days of public notice.

If DOH's position is substantially unchanged after considering all timely written comments and all oral comments at any public hearing that may be held, then the DOH will issue the NPDES permit and this action will be final.

Please notify anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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